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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION - AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI

1. "O DIA" DEC 23 PUBLISHED A LENGTHY INTERVIEW WITH
FREITAS DO AMARAL, PRESIDENT OF THE CENTER DEMOCRATIC
PARTY (CDS) WHICH INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING REFERENCES TO
AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI:

(BEGIN TEXT)

O DIA: I WOULD LIKE YOU TO DISCUSS THE ACTIVITIES OF
AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI, WHO WILL BE LEAVING PORTUGAL. IN WHAT
WAYS WAS HIS ACTIVITY FUNDAMENTAL IN THE DEFENSE OF PORTUGUESE
DEMOCRACY?

FREITAS DO AMARAL: AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI WAS IN HIS POST
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IN LISBON FROM 1974 (SIC) TO 1977. THOSE DATES INDICATE IN
THEMSELVES THE DIFFICULTY, COMPLEXITY AND SENSITIVITY
ASSOCIATED WITH HIS TASK. THE REVOLUTION SPUN OUT
MOVEMENTS, APPROACHES AND OPINIONS IN WHICH THE U.S.
APPEARED AS THE CULPRIT FOR EVERYTHING BAD THAT
HAPPENED TO PORTUGALTHERE EVEN WAS A MILITARY
MAN, WHO HAD THE HIGHEST COMMAND FUNCTIONS, WHO

ALLOWED HIMSELF TO MAKE HOSTILE STATEMENTS ABOUT
THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR.
AND, AAFTER ALL, DESPITE WHAT WAS SAID OR WHISPERED,
THERE WAS NO AMERICAN MILITARY INTERVENTION, THERE WAS
NO INVASION BY NATO, THERE WAS NO POLITICAL OR
DIPLOMATIC PRESSURE. PORTUGAL FACED AS BEST IT COULD
ITS OWN PROBLEMS, LIVING WITH THEM WHEN IT COULD
NOT RESOLVE THEM AND RESOLVING THEM WHEN IT COULD
NO LONGER LIVE WITH THEM. BUT IT DID EVERYTHING
ITSELF, WITH ITS OWN EFFORT. COULD THE SAME THING
HAVE HAPPENED WITH ANY OTHER AMBASSADOR?
IT IS CERTAIN THAT CARLUCCI MADE EVERY EFFORT IN
THE BACKGROUND TO CREATE A PROGRAM OF ECONOMIC
AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL. DID HE DO THIS
TO HELP THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT? I THINK NOT. AT
LEAST NOT SUCH THAT THIS AID WOULD BE SUSPENDED
WHEN ONE CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT IS REPLACED BY ONE
OF A DIFFERENT POLITICAL COLOR. I DO NOT BELIEVE THIS
IS CONCEIVABLE.....IT SEEMS TO ME, IN SUMMARY, THAT THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA'S ROLE, THROUGH ITS AMBASSADOR IN LISBON,
WAS WITHOUT DOUBT POSITIVE DURING THIS VERY DIFFICULT
AND DISTURBED PERIOD. ITS GREATEST MERIT SURELY WAS
IN HELPING THE PORTUGUESE TO RESOLVE BY
THEMSELVES THEIR OWN PROBLEMS, WITHOUT ABANDONING
THEM, BUT ALSO WITHOUT SEEKING TO TAKE OVER OR TO
DOMINATE THEM. "HELP YOURSELF AND I WILL HELP YOU,"
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PROBABLY WAS THE MOTTO OF THIS DIFFICULT MISSION.
IT IS WELL THAT IT WAS DONE THAT WAY.
(END TEXT).
JORDAN

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